

REMARKS

Claims 2-28, 36-38, 40 and 42-60 are pending. Claims 24-27 stand objected to as dependent upon a rejected based claim. Claims 2-23, 28, 40 and 43 stand rejected. Claims 8-14, 17-23, 29-35, and 45-59 have been canceled.

Claims 24 and 26 have been amended to recite the subject matter of the rejected base claim. Claims 2-6, 15, 16, 25, 27, 28, 36, and 60 have been amended solely so they now depend on independent claim 24. Claims 8-14, 29-35, and 45-59 have been canceled solely so that the allowable claims will issue in a patent.

Amendment of the originally filed claims, or cancellation of any claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence, narrowing, or surrender of any subject matter. The amendments are being made not only to point out with particularity and to claim the present invention, but also to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicant reserves the option to prosecute the originally filed claims further, or similar ones, in the instant or subsequently filed patent applications.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)

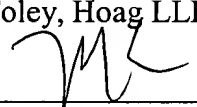
Claims 2-23, 28, 36-38, 40, 43-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Wen et al. Claims 2-6, 28, and 36 have been amended to depend on currently amended claim 24, that has not been rejected. Claims 8-14, and 17-23 have been canceled. The remaining claims now depend on a claim dependent on currently amended claim 24 or 26. These amendments and cancellations now render this rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-832-1000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request

that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**.

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